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- (a) (1) As soon as practicable after a hearing on a protest against a rule or regulation under § 22-308 of this subtitle, the Secretary shall:
 - (i) Act on the protest by issuing an order; and
- (ii) Send a copy of the order to each protester by certified mail, return receipt requested, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service.
- (2) Each order issued under this section shall be based on substantial evidence in the record of the hearing.
 - (b) An order issued by the Secretary under this section may:
- (1) Reinstate, rescind, or modify a State adopted federal regulation as a rule or regulation of this State; or
 - (2) As to any other rule or regulation proposed under this subtitle:
 - (i) Withdraw the proposal;
- (ii) Modify the proposal and set an effective date for the modified proposal that is at least 60 days after publication of the order; or
- (iii) Set a new effective date for the original proposal that is at least 60 days after publication of the order.

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